



NORMAL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

4649 Hawley Boulevard San Diego, CA. 92116 (Conducted via Zoom)

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Minutes for Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021, 6:00pm until about 8:00pm

Board Attendance (X means “present”):

X	Gary Weber	X	Linda Case	X	Mark Lawler (in at 6:26)
X	Gautam Dey		Richard Valentine		Scott Kessler
X	Jim Baross (VC)	X	Alison Flynn (C)		Vacancy
X	Dan Soderberg	X	Alberto Foglia (T)	X	Adam Deutsch (S)
	Eric Tamayo	X	Nancy Lawler (in at 6:26)	X	Vickie Everich

C=Chair; VC= Vice Chair; T= Treasurer; S=Secretary

6:00 Call to Order - Start of NHCPG Meeting

1. Introduction of planning group members and audience
2. Agenda Setting/modifications (*Note: items may be addressed out of listed order*)
3. Treasurer’s Report – Alberto. \$2085.00, and \$475 in city operating expenses we haven’t allotted yet.
4. Approval of previous meeting Minutes – Adam Deutsch sent the previous month’s minutes to the board for comments. Approval: M/S: Jim/Vickie. All approved.

6:10 Public Comment

5. Non-agenda public comment may be limited to two minutes per person
 - a. No comments were made this evening.
6. Social Media & other communications – Adam, Alison, & Alberto. There was a water main that broke a few days ago, but it’s been pretty quiet. Vickie has seen posts about fireworks going off.

6:20 Reports

7. Government Representatives
 - a. Jayme Anderson from County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher’s Office: COVID vaccination is going up, and those over 16 will be eligible soon.
Alison thanked the Supervisor’s office for leadership on this.
Adam thanked the Supervisor’s office for standing behind the Pedal Ahead program.
 - b. Benny Cartwright from Councilmember Whitburn’s office:
Hopefully you have heard that the Planning Department has recently initiated an effort to create an Environmental Justice Element of the General Plan. This process is beginning with a community survey about environmental justice priorities and issues experienced in residents’ neighborhoods. The survey closing date has recently been extended to March 31st, and the survey is available in English, Spanish, and several additional languages (Vietnamese, Mandarin Chinese, Tagalog, Arabic, Somali, Swahili, Karen, and soon-to-come Burmese). All versions of the survey can be accessed from the project web page:
<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/genplan/environmentjustice>

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The D3 team will soon be meeting with Park & Rec staff for a comprehensive overview of issues facing Normal Heights parks. I look forward to sharing what I learn and continuing to advocate for all of the parks issues you have shared with me. I definitely want to help get things done for the parks in Normal Heights!

We continue to work to seek out solutions to solving the homelessness crisis which is Council President Pro Tem Whitburn's #1 priority. In the meantime, please continue to share any ideas or issues you encounter with me at: bcartwright@sandiego.gov, or 619-510-6883.

Adam thanked Benny for the recent public forum about the power agreement.

Vickie asked about the coordination between the city and Parks & Rec about park planning.

- c. Chevelle Tate from Senator Toni Atkins office: The state extended the eviction moratorium, and provisions for rent relief. <https://supportmylibrary.org/master-plan/>
Jim asked about the rent relief program, and if landlords can make a request for rental relief, and there will be a process to accommodate that.
- a. Library Master Plan Survey: Kelly Verheyden from the Kensington Normal Heights Library: the library is closed, but they're taking returns. They're opening up a survey for feedback from the community for the Library Master Plan: <https://supportmylibrary.org/master-plan/>
- b. Community Groups
 - a. Adams Avenue Business Association: Nobody from the AABA was here to share with us, but Gary gave an update that they're talking about when to be able to hold events again, but everything is up in the air right now.
 - b. El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association: they're going to have a town hall event on April 8th. More information is <https://theboulevard.org/>
 - c. NH Community Association and NH Urban Arts: Ally said that, like the AABA, they're pausing events, and aren't anticipating Movies in the Park.
 - d. Adams Rec. Advisory Group: Vickie: they had a presentation on an interim to the interim Dog Park. Linda asked about signage in that space that would be taken from people playing basketball. Conversation happened about possible changes to Ward Canyon Park, and there's a lot of disconnect. Adam suggested we place Ward Canyon Park plans on the action.

6:50 Chair Report

Alison lamented leaving Normal Heights after being here since 2010. Also, this board is not representative of our community, and it requires serious work about social, economical, and racial justice. This is a neighborhood with lots of renters, and workers who cannot afford to live here. We need to do better.

6:55 Working Group Reports

- c. Transportation Group: Did not meet last month.
- d. Parks: Did not meet.
- e. Undergrounding (to potentially be established): Jim had an update. There was a survey we conducted last year, with respondents interested in decorative street lights.
David Moty, of KenTal PG gave us advice on how to actively be involved in the undergrounding process.

7:10 Action Items

- f. Vacant Seat Election: Christian D'Emilia is eligible and interested in joining the board. He spoke about his interest in housing, and in making a contribution to represent younger people. All voted in favor.

7:40 Discussion Items

- g. COVID Relief Programs Knowledge Share: Government representatives spoke to this. Adam mentioned his experience with the registration system, and Linda talked about volunteering at Petco Park for a vaccine.
- h. 40th St. Barricades: Jim suggests we go measure, so we can make a specific request/proposal for change to those so bicycles can get through without jumping up to the sidewalk. Jim will measure that.
- i. 805 Freeway: We have not had any response from the city, but will follow up with Scott to see if he's heard (though Philip from the AABA has heard no response).
- j. ECB and 40th: David Moty asked about our decision on this, and we brought him up to speed on John O'Connor's plan to replace the cul-de-sac in exchange for a hammerhead turn around.
- k. Safe Routes to Parks: We haven't heard anything

7:50 Information Items

- l. Board Viability – 12 Member Minimum: Adam gave background on the city policies for viability, and made a passionate appeal to those who are new to the meeting for them to join the board, and participate.

8:00 Adjournment